Delay in settlement of drawback applications

988. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many applications are pending for fixation of Brand Rates for drawback;

(b) if so, the number of such applications pending, region-wise;

(c) what are the reasons for dealy in expediting the applications; and

(d) what steps are being taken to restore normalcy in clearing applications?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N. RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (d) On an average, 5000 applications are received every year by Drawback Directorate in the Ministry of Finance for fixation of Brand Rates of Drawback. As on date, only 1083 such applications are pending.

The region-wise distribution of pendency is given below:—

East	59
West	431
North	200
South	393
TOTAL	1083

These applications are pending for following reasons:—

(i) Non-receipt of Verification Reports.

(ii) Delay in furnishing of relevant authenticated duty paying documents by exporters.